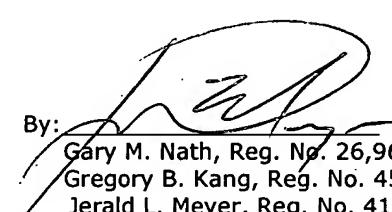


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| <b>Transmittal Letter To The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning A Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371</b>  |   | Attorney Docket No.: 27610U<br>U.S. Application No.: Not Yet Assigned |
| International Application No.:<br><b>PCT/ES2005/000143</b>   | International Filing Date:<br><b>March 18, 2005</b> | Priority Date Claimed<br><b>March 18, 2004</b><br><b>10/589486</b>    |
| Title of Invention: <b>PROTECTIVE TUBE</b>   |   |   |
| Applicants for DO/EO/US: RELATS, Jordi; RELATS, Pere; ARTOLA, Dolors; FRUNS, Anna  |   |   |
| Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  |   |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</li></ol></li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A English translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li></ol></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li></ol> |   |   |
| <b>ITEMS 11 to 20 BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED:</b>   |   |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter2 and 35 USC 1821 - 1825</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4)</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) TRANSMITTAL LETTER; APPLICATION DATA SHEET; INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION NUMBER: WO 2005/091456 A1, WITH THE PCT/ISA/210 (INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT); INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION DATE: SEPTEMBER 29, 2005, IN THE SPANISH LANGUAGE; ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION, WHICH CONSISTS OF 9 PAGES: 5 PAGES OF TEXTUAL SPECIFICATION, 2 PAGES OF 6 CLAIMS, 1 PAGE FOR THE ABSTRACT, AND 1 SHEET OF DRAWINGS; EXECUTED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY; EXECUTED ASSIGNMENT, WITH A RECORDATION COVER SHEET, IN FAVOR OF <b>RELATS, S.A., OF CALDES DE MONTBUI - (BARCELONA) SPAIN</b>; POSTCARD FOR THE EARLY NOTIFICATION OF THE SERIAL NUMBER REQUEST.</li></ol></li></ol>   |   |   |

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| U.S. Application No.:<br>Not Yet Assigned  |              | International Application:<br>PCT/ES2005/000143 | Attorney Docket No.: 27610U |                                 |                     |
| <p>The following fees are submitted:</p> <p>21. X Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))..... <b>\$ 300.00</b></p> <p>22. X Examination Fee (37 CFR 1.492 (c))<br/>If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the International Preliminary Examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... <b>\$ 0.00</b><br/>All other situations ..... <b>\$ 200.00</b></p> <p>23. X Search Fee (37 CFR 1.492(b))<br/>If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International Preliminary Examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... <b>\$ 0.00</b><br/>Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority ..... <b>\$ 100.00</b><br/>International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB ..... <b>\$ 400.00</b><br/>All other situations ..... <b>\$ 500.00</b></p> |              |   |                             | <b>CALCULATION</b><br>\$ 300.00 | <b>PTO USE ONLY</b> |
| <b>Total of 21, 22 and 23</b>  |              |   |                             | <b>\$ 900.00</b>                |                     |
| <p>– Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding Sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium).<br/>The fee is \$ 250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.</p>   |              |   |                             |                                 |                     |
| Total Sheets   | Extra Sheets | # of each additional 50                         | RATE                        |                                 |                     |
| 17-100 =   | /50 =        |   | X \$250                     |                                 |                     |
| <p>– Surcharge of <b>\$130.00</b> for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 20 — 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).</p>  |              |   |                             |                                 |                     |
| CLAIMS   | # FILED      | # EXTRA   | RATE                        |                                 |                     |
| TOTAL  | 6-20=        | 0   | X \$50                      |                                 |                     |
| INDEPENDENT  | 1-3=         | 0   | X \$200                     |                                 |                     |
| Multiple dependent claims (if applicable)  |              |   |                             | + \$360                         |                     |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>   |              |   |                             | <b>\$ 900.00</b>                |                     |
| <p>X Applicant claims small entity status.<br/>Fees above are reduced by 1/2.</p>  |              |   |                             |                                 |                     |
| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>  |              |   |                             | <b>\$ 450.00</b>                |                     |
| <p>– Processing fee of <b>\$130.00</b> for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).</p>  |              |   |                             |                                 |                     |
| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>  |              |   |                             | <b>\$ 450.00</b>                |                     |
| <p>– Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). <b>\$40.00 per property +</b></p>   |              |   |                             | <b>\$ 40.00</b>                 |                     |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>   |              |   |                             | <b>\$ 490.00</b>                |                     |
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| <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two checks in the amounts of <b>\$450.00</b> and <b>\$ 40.00</b> to cover the above fees are enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account Number: 14-0112 in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees.<br/>(A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.)</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number: 14-0112.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit Card Information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038</p> <p><b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed to request that the application be restored to pending status.</b></p> <p>Send All Correspondence To:</p> <p>Gary M. Nath<br/> <b>NATH &amp; ASSOCIATES PLLC</b><br/> 112 South West Street<br/> Alexandria, VA 22314<br/> TEL: (703) 548-6284<br/> FAX: (703) 683-8396</p> <p>Date: <u>August 15, 2006</u> By: </p> <p>Gary M. Nath, Reg. No. 26,965<br/> Gregory B. Kang, Reg. No. 45,273<br/> Jerald L. Meyer, Reg. No. 41,194<br/> Customer No. 20529</p> |  |                             |

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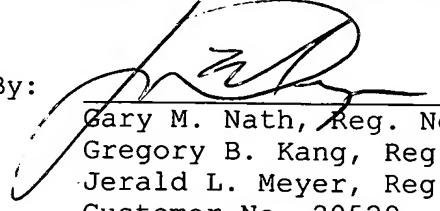
Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- 1) Transmittal Letter to U.S. Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning Filing under 35 U.S.C. 371;
- 2) International Publication Number: WO 2005/091456 A1, with the PCT/ISA/210 (International Search Report); International Publication Date: September 29, 2005, in the Spanish Language;
- 3) English Translation of the International Publication, which consists of 9 pages:
  - 5 pages of Textual Specification,
  - 2 pages of 6 Claims,
  - 1 page for the Abstract, and
  - 1 sheet of Drawings;
- 4) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- 5) Executed Assignment, with a Recordation Cover Sheet, in favor of **RELATS, S.A., of Caldes de Montbui - (Barcelona) SPAIN;**
- 6) Check No.: 2636 in the Amount of \$450.00 for the Basic Filing Fee, which includes the Search and Examination Fees, as a **Small Entity**;
- 7) Check No.: 2637 in the Amount of \$40.00 for the fee for the Recordation of the Assignment document;
- 8) Postcard for Early Notification of the Serial Number Request.

Respectfully submitted,  
**NATH & ASSOCIATES PLLC**

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